

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2935

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2000

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE

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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of voters who have voted through voting machines in each State during the recent election of Lok Sabha, Assemblies and Panchayats;
- (b) whether the Government are considering to make mandatory use of Electronic Voting Machine in the elections;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide voting through machines in all the States so that fair election can take place in the country; and
- (e) the expenditure likely to be incurred for the purchase of voting machines for each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AN
MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHR
JATLEY)

(a) : A statement containing data regarding the number of voters who voted through electronic Voting Machines in recent elections to Lok Sabha and States' Legislative Assemblies is laid on the Table of the House. Elections to Panchayats is a state subject, conducted by the State Election Commissions, and not by the Election Commission of India and hence no information is maintained by the Government in this regard.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) and (e) : A proposal to purchase additional 1,50,000 Electronic Voting Machines for use in the elections to certain States' Legislative Assemblies scheduled to be held during the next year has been received by the Government from the Election Commission of India and the same is being examined. A total expenditure of Rs.150 crores has been estimated by the election Commission of India for the purpose. State-wise estimate of expenditure has not been made by the election Commission in this regard.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2935 FOR 1082000.

DATA REGARDING THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO VOTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES

(1) GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOK SABHA 1999

Name of State	No. of Parliamentary Constituencies	No. of Polling stations where EVMs were used	No. of electors who voted through EVM	No. of Voters
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Andhra Pradesh	02	3705	3336830	2054469
Goa	02	1135	908800	409944
Gujarat	02	3121	3152817	1269027
Haryana	02	2837	2070082	1405429
Karnataka	03	5351	4615119	2732896
Kerala	02	2475	2378669	1534430
Madhya Pradesh	02	3139	2854795	1593427
Maharashtra	04	5156	4672305	2130043
Orissa	01	1566	1318541	625351
Punjab	03	4122	3636383	2248492
Rajasthan	02	3464	2861070	1402963
Tamil Nadu	04	6373	6340218	3178037
Uttar Pradesh	04	6508	5642291	2680735
West Bengal	03	3449	2830782	1908051

Chandigarh	01	644	584656	282879
NCT of Delhi	07	8539	8707436	3793697
Pondicherry	01	778	702176	444174
Total	45	62362	56612969	29694044

(2) GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES 1999:

Goa (Jun,99)	40	(Entire State)	1135	908849	577308
Andhra Pradesh	14		3705	3336830	2054469
Karnataka	24		5351	4615119	2732896
Maharashtra	24		5156	4672305	2130043

(3) GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES 2000:

Haryana	45		8077	5826607	3917946
Orissa	10		2339	1964225	1054013